

Nevada Department of Agriculture
350 Capitol Hill Avenue
Reno NV 89502

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Of the NEVADA ORGANIC ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Nevada Organic Advisory Council will conduct a public meeting on **Friday October 13, 2006 –at 9:00 AM** in the conference room of the Nevada Department of Agriculture, 350 Capitol Hill Avenue, Reno NV 89502. More information can be obtained by calling (775) 688-1182 x 243.

Below is an agenda of all items scheduled to be considered. Unless otherwise stated, items may be taken out of the order presented on the agenda at the discretion of the chairperson.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order. Approval of Agenda (**Action**)
2. Introductions
3. Approval of minutes from May 5, 2006. (**Action**)
4. Correspondence and Announcements
5. Public Participation (No action will be taken on any item unless properly agendized). It is anticipated that public participation will be held at this time, though it may be returned to at any time during the agenda. Citizens wishing to speak are asked to state their name and affiliation, for the record.
6. Doug Jackson, Vice President of Marketing for United Farm Services in Nevada and California. Presentation of information regarding organic-compliant materials and services offered by UFS.

Old Business / Updates and Reports :

7. Organic Program Staff Updates & Reports
 - A. Status of organic fee increases.
 - B. Report on NDOA Bi-Annual Budget proposals relating to ongoing funding of Organic Program and Council Activities.
 - C. Status of Vacancy on Council: Recommend name of Producer/Handler to be forwarded to Board of Agriculture for their approval at their December meeting" (**Action**)
8. Senator Mike McGinness. Reports and Council discussion regarding Bill Draft Request (BDR 253) for funds request in 2007 legislature in support activities of Organic Council. (**Action**)
9. Genetically Modified Crops in Nevada; (Committee: Litsinger, Davidson, Quinlan, R. Johnson). Report and Discussion on possible legislation to advise public and producers in Nevada. Primary goal is to protect organic crops, from GMO contamination that would endanger organic certification, and other matters properly related to this specific topic. (**Action**)

Break for Lunch

10. Non-Profit Organization. (Committee: Johnson, Quinlan, Cross)
Report and discussion of developing non-profit entity for the purpose of holding private and or grant funds to further the goals of the Nevada Organic Council and Nevada Organic Program. **(Action)**
11. Department and NV Grown Websites Report (V. Johnson, McKie) **(Action)**
12. Nevada Organic Review. Funding sources for, and production of, Nevada Organic Review (organic industry) newsletter. (V. Johnson) **(Action)**

New Business -- Appoint Committees:

13. Statewide Calendar of events. Committee to investigate and propose when attendance by council or representative/s are important to promotion of certified organic program. **(Action)**
14. Working and Action Committee for financial matters, other interim council business and / or legislative activity. **(Action)**
15. Next Meeting Date **(Action)**

Adjourn **(Action)**

NOTE: We are pleased to make reasonable accommodations for members of the public who are disabled and wish to attend the meeting. If special arrangements for the meeting are necessary, please call Gary Cross at the Nevada Department of Agriculture, 688-1182 x 244 as soon as possible.

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